

[018]        ~~The sole figure Fig. 1~~ of the drawing shows a partial sectional view of a transfer case pursuant to the invention comprising a drive converter device, an electric motor and a clutch for activating an output shaft while Fig. 2 of the drawings shows an arrangement in which the spindle nut is rotatably fixed and the spindle can be rotated.

[034]        The intermediate gear 7 in the present case is ~~pivotably~~ rotatably seated on a housing 25 of the electric motor 9 designed as an induction motor. The configuration of the electric motor 9 in the hollow intermediate gear 7 represents an extremely compact and space-saving design for the transfer case 1, wherein by comparison electric motors that are arranged outside the housing of the transfer case require considerably more space in a motor vehicle.

[041]        New Fig. 2 shows an arrangement in which the spindle nut 15 is rotatably fixed and the spindle 16 can be rotated by means of the electric motor (9) and the spindle 16, during a closure operation of the clutch 5, has the same direction of rotation as the drive shaft 2.